



# Hines Herald

Summer 2005

## Dear Neighbor,

**T**he summer season has arrived and I hope that it will be a safe and enjoyable time for everyone in the 15th District.

The city is bustling with development activities. We've all been affected by the changes going on in and around the Marquette Interchange. Soon we'll be seeing the first tenants as economic development gets underway in the Menomonee River Valley and the former Park East Freeway lands. Discussions are underway on a proposed retail, housing and entertainment project at what's being called Pabst City, and on a possible move of the Potawatomi Bingo/Casino to a downtown site just to name a few.

While I continue to rate economic development and business growth high on my agenda, I also want you to remember that my number one priority is to be responsive to your concerns, to see that city services are delivered in an efficient and effective manner.

In this newsletter you'll see steps I've taken to:

- **Endorse responsible gun ownership**
- **Add community prosecutors to attack nuisance issues**
- **Collect unpaid millions in fines and taxes**
- **Give young people a voice in city government**

I'm also including several important contact numbers as well as articles on some of the city services that affect your quality of life.

If you have any question or concern about your city services or city government in general, I ask that you please call me at **286-3965** or send me an e-mail at **whines@milwaukee.gov**. Again, have a safe summer.

Sincerely,

**Willie L. Hines, Jr.**  
**Alderman, 15th District**  
**Common Council President**



## Ald. Hines Endorses Responsible Gun Ownership

**A**fter their sons were killed by gun violence in Milwaukee on September 24, 2003, three mothers discovered the young men were killed by a weapon sold to a felon by a private citizen. And they found there is no requirement that private gun sales be recorded. Ald. Hines agreed that loophole in the law needed to be changed, and co-sponsored a resolution calling for state legislation to mandate that

private citizens record private gun sales and eliminate this illegal gun market.

The Responsible Gun Ownership Bill (SB 148) was sponsored at the state level by Sen. Spencer Coggs and state Rep. Leon Young. The gun ownership registry system would track private gun sales in much the same way that vehicle title transfers are recorded.

Ald. Hines at a news conference calling for state legislation to require that private gun sales by citizens be recorded. With him from left, **Ald. Ashanti Hamilton**, **Ald. Michael J. Murphy**, **Marna Winbush** and **Debra Fifer** whose sons were killed by gunfire. The event was held at a Walgreen's at N. 35th St. and W. Wisconsin Ave. where an illegally bought gun was used in a homicide.

## Free Meals For Milwaukee Kids This Summer

Many Milwaukee children can receive free nutritious meals every weekday this summer. Certain public schools will be open to serve breakfast and lunch as part of the "**Fueling Young Minds**" program. To find the meal site nearest you in the 15th District check the enclosed list or call the Summer Meals Hotline at 211.

- 21st St. School - 2121 W. Hadley
- 37th St. School - 1715 N. 37th St.
- 38th St. School - 2623 N. 38th St.
- Clarke St. School - 2816 W. Clarke
- Lloyd St. School - 1228 W. Lloyd
- North Division - 1011 W. Center
- Siefert School - 1547 N. 14th St.
- Westside Academy I - 1945 N. 31st St.
- Westside Academy II - 1940 N. 36th St.



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## Ald. Hines Says It's Time To Collect City Debts

People who aren't paying their property taxes, parking fines and other municipal fines are cheating those who do, says Ald. Hines. And those outstanding debts total more than \$140 million. The alderman supported creation of an Outstanding Debt Task Force to see what can be done to collect those unpaid delinquent taxes, forfeitures, judgments and fees.

According to the Comptroller's Office, people owe the city \$95 million in parking citation delinquencies, \$23 million in property tax delinquencies and \$22 million in outstanding municipal fines. The task force will report its findings to the Common Council in several months.

## Council OKs City Hall Restoration

Work is scheduled to begin in August on the nearly \$70 million City Hall restoration project. While Ald. Hines was extremely concerned about the cost of restoring the 110-year old National Historic Landmark, he said a close look at the building showed it is badly in need of repairs, and he supports an agreement with the Redevelopment Authority which will give the city more flexibility in borrowing for the three-year project.

Ald. Hines said the Common Council will closely monitor the costs of the project. But he believes any delay to rebid or scale back the project would only push the problem and higher costs into the future. "We as a council appreciate the historic significance and architectural beauty of City Hall and what it means to the City of Milwaukee," Ald. Hines said. "While it will be an expensive project, we also want to make sure this city landmark is available for generations to come."

Improvements are needed. Costs are rising. Ald. Hines says the restoration must be done but it must also have the smallest impact on taxpayers. The mayor and aldermen are exploring some ideas on how to reduce the final costs, including such ideas as raising money from foundations and selling commemorative bricks.

## Special Summer Tips

The summer months bring with them opportunities for a lot of fun outdoor activities for 15th District residents. But while you're working on fix-up projects around the house or simply enjoying recreational activities, Ald. Hines hopes you'll be safe, and avoid some common health and safety hazards.

### Water Safety

Watch for swift-water conditions in creeks and rivers after heavy rains. Warn children about the dangers. Always supervise them when playing in or near water.

### Cleaning Safely

Properly mark, store and dispose of household chemicals. Never put them in the trash or down the drain. Put dangerous tools out of reach of children. Remove all fire hazards.

### Yard Work Safety

Wear protective clothing when handling pesticides. Never operate a mower in bare feet or leave an operating mower unattended. Use proper eye protection with tools.

### Ladder Safety

Observe height and weight limits. Make sure the ladder is the right height for the job. Avoid using a metal ladder near electrical sources.

*Stay safe, and have a fun summer season!*

## Keeping Our Neighborhoods Clean

If you happened to miss the city's special Clean and Green residential cleanups in the 15th District it's not too late. As I reported in my last newsletter, many of the bulky items once collected in "special pickups," such as sofas, tree branches and other large amount of trash, are now collected by sanitation crews on their regular weekly routes.

There are some limitations so check with the DPW Call Center at **286-8282** if you have any questions. To dispose of hazardous household wastes such as old gas oil and cleaning chemicals, check the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District at 225-2066 for collection sites.

## Paint Up, Clean Up, Fix Up Time?

Working on a project around the home or yard? But you don't have the right tool?

The city's tool loan program may be able to help. It costs \$35 a year for membership, \$25 for those over 62 years of age. Tools can generally be taken out for 1-3 days, depending on the type of tool. Stop at 1407 W. Lincoln Ave., or call the tool loan program at **643-4400** for hours and other information.

## Planning A Block Party?

There are no fees for residential block parties but you'll need a block party permit and approval from the alderman. Call or visit the Special Event permit office to obtain a block party permit application. After completing the application, return it to

Ald. Hines. During June, July and August, applications are not accepted any later than two weeks before the event.

Ald. Hines says for first-time events you may be required to obtain signatures and distribute informational flyers about the event to those living and working in the area affected. Call the special event permit office at **286-3329** or stop at Room 515 at 841 N. Broadway to get a block party permit application.

## No Snow? Some Parking Laws Still Apply.

While the snows and winter parking restrictions are just a memory, you should still be aware of some on-going parking regulations. They include:

• **Daytime Parking**  
If a street has no posted time restrictions, vehicles may park on-street all day. If hourly parking exists, parking is limited to the posted time restrictions.

• **Nighttime Parking**  
Most residential streets have alternate side night parking throughout the year with parking allowed between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. with a valid night parking permit or night parking permission. There are exceptions. Call the parking hotline at **286-8350** with questions.

Night parking permits are sold at North Side Violations Bureau, 6223 N. Teutonia Ave. and Police Administration Building, 951 N. James Lovell St.

• **Private Property**  
City ordinances say all parking spaces need a paved surface, not crushed stone, sand, gravel, cinders or grass.



# Activities & Celebrations At City Hall

## Fighting Crime Pro-Actively

Are you aware of a nuisance property in your neighborhood? Quality of life and urban blight issues in the 15th District are getting some additional attention. With help from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, the city is attacking nuisance properties with an expanded **Community Prosecution Unit**.

Starting with one community prosecutor five years ago, the unit increased in June to ten, six from the district attorney's office and four assistant city attorneys. Eight of them are stationed in satellite offices throughout the city, including the police district stations in the 15th District and community based organizations. Complaints can include nuisance properties, drug dealing, prostitution, trash, dangerous drugs and code violations.

"This program has made an impact on our district," said Ald. Hines. "I believe it will continue to make a difference in the lives of people in our neighborhoods and on the quality of life in this community." The goal of the community prosecutors is to work with homeowners and landlords to resolve issues. But they can bring criminal prosecution charges against problem tenants and/or prosecute property owners and charge them for police services if police are called to a property for certain crimes more than three times a month.



Ald. Hines at a news conference announcing an expanded **Community Prosecution Unit** in the city. Also speaking, Ald. Robert J. Bauman and Ald. Robert G. Donovan.



Mark Attanasio, the new owner of the Milwaukee Brewers is welcomed to City Hall by Ald. Hines.



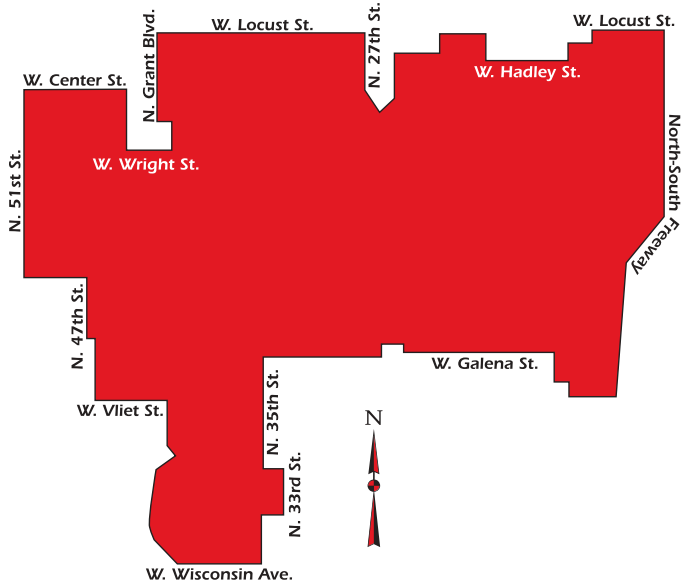
Ald. Hines talks about summer fun with **Don Smiley**, chief executive officer of Summerfest.



Ald. Hines at a news conference inviting Milwaukeeans to join the NAACP and welcoming the 10,000 members expected for the NAACP 96th annual convention in Milwaukee July 9 to 14. With him from left, **Jerry Ann Hamilton**, president of the Milwaukee NAACP branch, **Richard "Rocky" Marcoux**, commissioner of the Department of City Development and **Mayor Tom Barrett**. The convention is expected to have a more than \$15 million impact on the city economy.

# 15th District

Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr.



For Ald. Hines' webpage and more info. about the 15th District go to:

[www.milwaukee.gov/district15](http://www.milwaukee.gov/district15)

## Handy Phone Numbers & Websites

Emergency Police/Fire/Ambulance ..... 911

Police (non-emergency) ..... 933-4444

Police 3rd District (non-emergency) ..... 935-7232

Police 5th District (non-emergency) ..... 935-7252

Police 7th District (non-emergency) ..... 935-7272

Vice-Control ..... 935-7411

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault ..... 286-2997

Graffiti Hotline ..... 286-8715

Neighborhood Services ..... 286-2268  
(property inspections, debris, litter and/or abandoned  
vehicles on private property code violations)

Parking Hotline ..... 286-8350

Public Works ..... 286-8282

Parking Web Site ..... [www.parking.mpw.net](http://www.parking.mpw.net)  
(garbage, recycling, special pickups, street lights,  
potholes, sewers, water, hydrants etc.)

City of Milwaukee Website ..... [www.milwaukee.gov](http://www.milwaukee.gov)

Occupational Resource Website .. [www.milwaukeeworkers.org](http://www.milwaukeeworkers.org)

## 2005 Summer Festivals

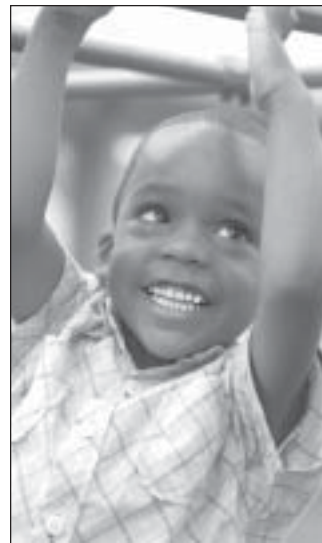
- Wed. evenings thru Aug. 31  
Westtown's River Rhythms, Pere Marquette Park
- Thurs. evenings thru Sept. 15  
Jazz in the Park, Cathedral Square
- Tues noon/p.m. thru Aug. 16  
Live at the Center, Marcus Center
- July 14-17  
Bastille Days, Maier Festival Park
- July 15-17  
South Shore Frolics, South Shore Park
- July 21-24  
Festa Italiana, Maier Festival Park
- July 29-31  
German Fest, Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 4-14  
Wisconsin State Fair, State Fair Park
- Aug. 5-26  
River Flicks, Pere Marquette Park
- Aug. 5-7  
African World Festival, Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 5-6  
Jazz Festival, Historic Third Ward
- Aug. 18-21  
Irish Fest, Maier Festival Park
- Aug. 26-28  
Mexican Fiesta, Maier Festival Park
- Sept. 9-11  
Indian Summer Festival, Maier Festival Park

## Other Events

Farmers markets • Call for dates and times

- East Town Farm Market,  
Cathedral Square, 271-1416
- Westtown Farmer's Market,  
Zeidler Union Square, 276-6696
- Fondy Farmers Market,  
2200 W. Fond du Lac Ave., 933-8121
- Riverwest Gardeners Market,  
Locust and Bremen Streets, 265-7278

To find out more about the events listed above, call **VISIT Milwaukee**  
(formerly the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau) at  
**1-800-554-1448** or [www.milwaukee.org](http://www.milwaukee.org).



## Pabst City Debate Continues

As president of the Milwaukee Common Council, Ald. Hines welcomes opportunities to move Milwaukee and its economy forward, such as the Park East corridor, Harley-Davidson museum and Tower Automotive developments. But he adds the goal of the council is to grow the city with an appreciable return on investment, and that means proceeding with caution on any financial assistance package.

As proponents and opponents discuss the potential of the Pabst City retail, entertainment, housing and office project, Ald. Hines wants residents to know that while many believe the development will have a positive economic impact, it also deserves appropriate, deliberate attention.

"It is our job to make decisions that will better the City of Milwaukee and make it a great destination that reflects Milwaukee as a progressive, forward-thinking city," said Ald. Hines. "But I also want to assure you that the Common Council will assess and evaluate all materials submitted to ensure optimal return on the city's investment."



## Planting Trees And Ideas

Our children are our future, and Ald. Hines is doing what he can to improve conditions in the city for them. Sometimes that includes getting his hands dirty as he works with the young people to help beautify our city. The Common Council, represented by the alderman, Forestry Division of the Department of Public Works, Milwaukee Public Library and Milwaukee Public Schools, joined to celebrate Arbor Day in the city.

Arborists set up equipment in Washington Park to show over 70 children from Hi Mount School how they take care of the trees in the city and about careers as arborists. The children read poetry about Arbor Day and also received little trees to take home.



Ald. Hines reads an **Arbor Day** proclamation from Mayor Tom Barrett.



**Hi Mount School students** learn about the benefits of trees in our neighborhoods as they plant several of them outside the Washington Park Library on Arbor Day.



Hi Mount Elementary student **Harry Behn** shows off a poem he wrote about trees.

## City Teens Decide Important Youth Issues



**Britell Higgins**, a junior at CEO Leadership Academy, has been named the 15th District representative on the City of Milwaukee Youth Council.

There are some new voices in the Common Council chamber these days discussing issues facing Milwaukee teenagers. The city's first-ever Youth Council has started to discuss issues of

concern to the young people of the community with its first meeting on June 8th. Ald. Hines was one of the co-sponsors of the legislation that created the 15-member council, one from each aldermanic district.

The 15th District representative on the youth council is 16 year old Britell Higgins. Britell will be entering his junior year this fall at CEO Leadership Academy, and aspires to be a lawyer and equity partner of a law firm. A typical teen who enjoys music, dancing and hanging out with his family, Britell also volunteers at his church and at a shelter, and thought that he could make a difference in the community by being a Youth Council member.

Britell says he will work hard on the issues before the Youth Council, and hopes that will include the environment, after-school places for teens, gang violence, and illegal drugs. Ald. Hines congratulates

Britell as another young leader who wants to improve the lives of teens and all residents and welcomes him to the Youth Council and city government.

Approximately 10% of annual city Community Development Block Grant reprogramming dollars could be allocated to support the recommendations of the council for youth service activities and other objectives. All funding recommendations made by the Youth Council will have to be authorized by the Common Council. A seven-member adult advisory committee will assist the youth council in its work.



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## Committee Assignments

CHAIR *Steering & Rules Committee*

CHAIR *Housing Authority Board*

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## Please Do Not Open Fire Hydrants

Illegal fire hydrant openings damage hydrants, lower water pressure and can lead to injuries. Ald. Hines reminds everyone that children are at serious risk because the powerful force of an open hydrant can push them into traffic and the spray obstructs the view of motorists.

“Hydrants are for fighting fires and should ONLY be opened by Fire Department or Water Works personnel,” said Ald. Hines. “It is dangerous, and a crime, to open a hydrant without permission.” Millions of gallons of water are wasted when hydrants are opened. Treating that amount of water only to have it go down the sewer is expensive to everyone and a waste of a precious resource.

If you see an open hydrant, call the Milwaukee Water Works 24-hour control center, **414-286-3710**.



Ald. Hines presides as the Milwaukee Fire Department observes Emergency Services Week and recognizes individual life saving efforts. Also pictured from left, Fire Chief William Wentlandt, Ald. Robert G. Donovan and three citizens honored for their acts of bravery.

## New Board-up Plan To Reduce Blight

*If a property in the 15th District is boarded up for more than six months, there had better be a good reason or the city will step in and demand action.*

A new ordinance co-sponsored by Ald. Hines will force owners of boarded-up buildings to repair or sell their properties instead of leaving them empty. The ordinance, which took effect March 11, 2005, aims to reduce the number of buildings with green plywood covering windows and doors in many neighborhoods. Property owners have six months to act after a board-up. Among their options, they can remove the plywood if they have a way to lock and secure the building, demonstrate they are trying to sell the property, submit a plan for completing repairs to the structure or present a demolition permit.

There could be fines, re-inspection fees from the city or having the building declared a nuisance. Contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at **286-2268** with any complaints.

## Learn Effective Property Management

Landlords can learn to screen new tenants and how to deal with nuisance properties by enrolling in the City of Milwaukee's **free** Landlord Training Program. You'll receive 5 hours of training and a 100-page manual describing professional property management guidelines. For information or to register call **Program Coordinator Karin Long** at **286-2954**.